

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 ADANA 0212

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [PREL](#) [PINS](#) [PGOV](#) [PHUM](#) [TU](#) [IZ](#) [ADANA](#)

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY,
AUGUST 07, 2003

1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for August 07, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

2. Evrensel / Yuksekova Prosecutors' Office started investigation on the DEHAP (Democratic People's Party) women who sent their white headscarves to the President. Prosecutors' office brought suit against the women for helping and supporting KADEK.

3. Evrensel / In Diyarbakir, Kenan Dogu was arrested for having five copies of Azadiye Welat (Free Motherland)-Banned Kurdish Newspaper--.

4. Evrensel, Turkiye / In Nusaybin/Mardin two KADEK terrorists died during a clash between Turkish soldiers.

5. Milli Gazete / In Hakkari about 500 women from DEHAP protested the fights between tribes by sitting in front of Ataturk statue.

6. Hurriyet / In Silopi a boarding school is going to be used for the rehabilitation of PKK militants who would surrender under the new amnesty law.

7. Hurriyet, Milliyet / PKK attacked a police corner in Mardin. Two policemen died during the attack. It is believed that this was a planned action in order to prevent the PKK militants' surrender.

8. Turkiye / Hikmet Tan, Governor of Van called all PKK/KADEK militants to surrender. Tan stated that rehabilitation centers would supply all the necessary services including barbers, communication, food and clothing.

9. Hurriyet / In Payas/Hatay women walked to protest against the coal dust they have been breathing for 20 years. A contractor possesses the authority to use the coal-sieving workshop. Women claimed that there is an increase in the cancer cases in the area due to the coal.

10. Turkiye / Security officials arrested Turan Ari from Turkish Hizbullah in Mersin. Ari is responsible for the murder of three people in Mersin.

11. Bolge / According to Etem Acikalin from Adana (HRO) Human Rights Organization the new amnesty law would not help the Kurdish problem. HRO gathered in a park to protest the new law.

12. Bolge / Osman Yilmaz, head of the youth branch of Workers' Party stated that they don't want the government giving grants to poor students to study in Islamic private schools.

¶13. Radikal / Nusret Miroglu, Governor of Diyarbakir announced that about 10,000 people returned to their villages in Diyarbakir. Governor stated also that they are helping the villagers to build their houses.

ECONOMICAL

¶14. Sabah Guney / M. Yasar Ozgul new Head for GAP announced that they have completed about %50 of the GAP projects.

TOURISM

¶15. Turkiye / Japanese tourists are the frequent visitors of Nemrud in Adiyaman.
HART